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A DRILLING FLUID

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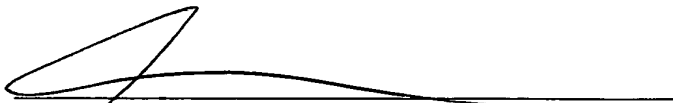
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby
claim the right of priority based on French Patent Application No. 03/03.073 filed
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Respectfully submitted,

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